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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the detailed Office Action dated November 20, 2006, the Applicant offers the following submissions and amendments.

Amendments

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to highlight that the invention is directed to a cartridge which is easily removable and replaceable as opposed to components intended to be permanently mounted within a printer casing.

Accordingly, the amendments do not add any new matter.

35 U.S.C. §102 - Claims 1-9

Claims 1 to 9 stand rejected for lack of novelty in light of the disclosure in US 6,318,920 to Silverbrook.

The Applicant disagrees. The '920 printer has a removable ink cassette but the printhead and blotter/capper/platen are permanently mounted within the printer casing. They are plainly not incorporated into a cartridge configured for user removal and replacement. To further distinguish the present invention, claims 1 and 8 have been amended to highlight the features and functional capabilities that inherently allow it to operate as a cartridge. The cartridge of the present invention engages with the print engine controller upon installation in the printer and mounts the printhead adjacent the paper feed path. The '920 printer intends the printhead and blotter/capper/platen to remain in the printer for its operational life. They are not designed for user replacement.

Accordingly, the cited disclosure fails to anticipate the amended claims 1 and 8. It follows that the dependent claims are likewise novel and inventive.

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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been successfully traversed and the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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